Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Commission

ITEM 22 DECISION

TOPIC Final Rule--Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents." These amendments eliminate the state forest zones during the fall season which makes the regulations for the fall season consistent with the spring season. The amendments also add 200 licenses to Zone 5 in western Iowa. No comments were received on the proposed changes.

Ken Herring, Administrator Conservation and Recreation Division Attachment

May 10, 2007

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents," Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 99 establishes the regulations for hunting wild turkeys during the fall and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and method of take, and transportation tag requirements. These amendments eliminate the state forest zones during the fall season which makes the regulations for the fall season consistent with the spring season. The amendments also add 200 licenses to Zone 5 in western Iowa.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 28, 2007, as ARC 5797B. A public hearing was held on April 19, 2007, and no comments were received. No comments were received by phone or in writing.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48 and 483A.7.

These amendments shall become effective July 11, 2007.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571--99.4(481A) as follows:

571--99.4(481A) Zones. Wild turkey may be taken with a combination shotgun-or-archery license only in the following zones:

99.4(1) Zone 1. Zone 1 is that portion of Stephens State Forest west of U.S. Highway 65 in Lucas and Clarke Counties.

99.4(2) Zone 2. Zone 2 is the Shimek State Forest in Lee and Van Buren Counties.

99.4(3) Zone 3. Zone 3 is that portion of the Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County.

99.4(4) (1) Zone 4. Zone 4 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by Interstate Highway 80 and on the west by U.S. Highway 59.

99.4(5) (2) Zone 5. Zone 5 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 59 and on the north by U.S. Highway 20.

99.4(6) (3) Zone 6. Zone 6 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by Interstate Highway 80 and on the west by U.S. Highway 63.

99.4(7) (4) Zone 7. Zone 7 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 20, on the west by U.S. Highway 59, on the south by Interstate Highway 80 and on the east by U.S. Highway 63.

99.4(8) (5) Zone 8. Zone 8 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by U.S. Highway 20, on the east by U.S. Highway 63, and on the west by U.S. Highway 69.

99.4(9) (6) Zone 9. Zone 9 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by U.S. Highway 20 and on the east by U.S. Highway 69.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 99.5(1) as follows:

99.5(1) Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses. A limited number of paid combination shotgun-or-archery licenses will be issued by zone as follows:

a. Zone 1. 50

b. Zone 2. 50

c. Zone 3. 50

- d a. Zone 4. 4,500
- $e \, \overline{b}$. Zone 5. 500 700
- $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$ Zone 6. 3,000
- g d. Zone 7. 400
- $\frac{b}{h}$ e. Zone 8. 150
- $\frac{1}{1}$ Zone 9. 200

Date

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